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In re Patent Application of:

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For: PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS
CONTAINING ACTIVE AGENTS HAVING A
LACTONE GROUP AND TRANSITION
METAL IONS

Examiner: C. Rae

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office action herein mailed 4 January 2008, time for response to which was set to expire 4 February 2008. A petition for an extension of time of three months until 4 May 2008 is enclosed along with the required fee. An election of species was required; applicants understand that should the species be found allowable additional species and generic claims will be examined as well.

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the lactone ring compound irinotecan along with the transition metal ion copper⁺² and a delivery vehicle which is a large unilamellar liposome.